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Stocks of Crops on Farms at March 31, 2012

Statistics Canada's March 31 survey of farm stocks of major grains and oilseeds estimated **Saskatchewan** farm stocks of crops at 8.8 million tonnes – down 2.3 million tonnes (21 per cent) from revised March, 2011 farm stocks of 11.1 million tonnes.

Compared to March 31, 2011:

- increases in farm stocks were reported for:
  - barley, up 7 per cent
  - lentils, up 6 per cent
- decreases in farm stocks were reported for:
  - wheat, down 19 per cent
  - durum, down 12 per cent
  - oats, down 16 per cent
  - dry peas, down 54 per cent
  - flax, down 24 per cent
  - canola, down 37 per cent
  - dry peas, down 54 per cent
  - mustard, down 19 per cent
  - canary seed, down 62 per cent
  - chickpeas, down 47 per cent

Western Canada farm stocks of the major grains and oilseeds were down 21 per cent (5.0 million tonnes) from revised 2011. Stock decreases were reported for all crops, except lentils.

Canadian stocks of the major grains, oilseeds, and specialty crops in all positions were 33.8 million tonnes, down 12 per cent from revised March 31, 2011.

- stocks on farms decreased 15 per cent to 24.3 million tonnes;
- stocks in commercial positions decreased 2 per cent to 9.6 million tonnes; and
- stocks showing an increase were stocks of corn for grain, soybeans, and lentils.

Total stocks of corn for grain and soybeans increased to record levels. Stock increases were concentrated on farms.

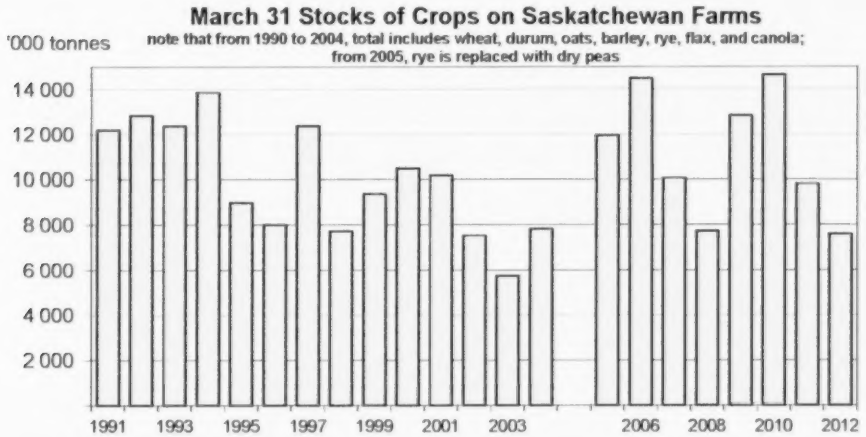
Despite a record harvest of canola in 2011, total stocks were down 31% or 1.9 million tonnes from 2011. The drop was primarily in on-farm stocks.

Total wheat stocks declined, despite a 9% increase in the production of wheat in 2011. Commercial stocks increased 11% while on-farm stocks fell 15%.

Stocks of Grains and Oilseeds on Farms at March 31

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
				000 tonnes			
Saskatchewan							
wheat*	2 540	3 150	3 650	3 410	2 565	3 950	4 675
durum	1 710	1 945	3 055	2 100	875	1 700	3 250
oats	430	510	975	1 350	1 050	525	700
barley	940	880	2 000	2 025	1 200	1 340	2 500
all rye	14	60	100	85	35	126	165
flax	180	237	380	305	190	390	420
canola	1 360	2 170	3 030	2 575	1 425	1 645	2 020
dry peas	425	920	1 545	1 060	480	545	773
mustard	89	110	100	40	40	110	165
sunflower						2	7
lentils	1 050	995	334	330	298	530	700
canary seed	35	92	138	124	112	156	229
chickpeas	28	53	55	95	110	41	35
total	8 801	11 122	15 362	13 499	8 380	11 060	15 639
Western Canada							
wheat*	7 418	8 933	8 062	8 741	6 405	8 878	9 664
durum	2 020	2 335	3 755	2 625	1 085	2 130	4 000
oats	1 050	1 287	1 747	2 352	1 899	1 186	1 485
barley	2 650	2 855	4 315	5 170	3 584	3 756	5 780
all rye	35	100	175	170	65	214	260
flax	195	290	500	395	245	550	530
canola	2 961	4 702	5 402	4 986	3 342	3 860	4 095
corn for grain	143	150	116	288	213	270	141
soybeans	60	70	100	64	135	35	10
dry peas	603	1 310	1 870	1 385	595	725	1 008
mustard	116	150	120	48	45	128	200
sunflower	10	50	65	40	30	79	47
lentils	1 100	1 045	340	330	298	530	710
canary seed	35	95	139	128	115	164	239
chickpeas	35	53	55	97	120	47	40
total	18 431	23 425	26 761	26 819	18 176	22 552	28 209

Source: Statistics Canada
* - excluding durum



Stocks of Canadian Grains and Oilseeds at March 31

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
				000 tonnes			
Stocks on Farms							
wheat*	7 788	9 251	8 376	9 146	6 597	9 113	8 018
durum	2 020	2 335	3 755	2 625	1 085	2 130	3 055
oats	1 122	1 401	1 857	2 454	2 025	1 313	1 702
barley	2 785	3 030	4 514	5 404	3 809	4 061	6 155
rye	35	100	175	170	65	215	240
flax	195	290	500	395	245	550	112
canola	2 970	4 709	5 417	4 997	3 346	3 864	2 987
corn for grain	4 430	3 911	4 275	4 600	4 780	3 874	4 265
soybeans	1 015	755	845	603	470	1 016	796
dry peas	603	1 310	1 870	1 385	595	725	1 451
lentils	1 100	1 045	340	330	298	530	430
mustard	116	150	120	48	45	128	243
sunflower seed	10	50	65	40	30	79	23
canary seed	35	95	139	128	115	164	223
chickpeas	35	53	55	97	120	47	
total	24 259	28 485	32 303	32 422	23 625	27 762	29 700
Stocks in Commercial Positions							
wheat*	3 689	3 496	3 967	3 505	2 945	3 689	3 170
durum	982	721	1 008	1 137	936	1 025	1 135
oats	202	293	209	203	307	231	232
barley	355	510	582	603	650	511	568
rye	19	32	21	11	21	29	n/a
flax	67	79	96	94	157	186	125
canola	1 303	1 448	1 046	1 152	1 231	922	757
corn for grain	1 749	1 807	1 581	1 430	1 218	1 577	1 003
soybeans	858	819	645	620	550	870	630
dry peas	195	360	185	375	275	260	340
lentils	84	95	65	42	32	36	42
mustard	36	35	45	40	42	42	41
sunflower seed	4	8	7	7	8	6	5
canary seed	9	30	25	26	37	34	19
chickpeas	8	12	10	10	14	14	
total	9 560	9 745	9 492	9 255	8 423	9 418	8 067
Total Stocks							
wheat*	11 477	12 747	12 343	12 651	9 542	12 802	11 188
durum	3 002	3 056	4 763	3 762	2 021	3 155	4 190
oats	1 323	1 694	2 066	2 657	2 332	1 544	1 934
barley	3 140	3 540	5 096	6 007	4 459	4 572	6 723
rye	54	132	196	181	86	n/a	n/a
flax	262	369	596	489	402	736	237
canola	4 273	6 157	6 462	6 149	4 577	4 786	3 744
corn for grain	6 179	5 718	5 856	6 030	5 998	5 451	5 268
soybeans	1 873	1 574	1 490	1 223	1 020	1 886	1 426
dry peas	798	1 670	2 055	1 760	870	985	1 791
lentils	1 184	1 140	405	372	330	566	472
mustard	152	185	165	88	87	170	284
sunflower seed	14	58	72	47	38	85	28
canary seed	44	125	164	154	152	198	242
chickpeas	43	65	65	107	134	61	
total	33 819	38 230	41 795	41 677	32 048	37 180	37 767

Source: Statistics Canada

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